

Group A Figures 1 through 4;
Group B Figures 5 through 7; and
Group C Figures 8 through 10.


The Examiner has required Applicants under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims will be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claim is generic. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement.

Claims 1, 3 through 5, 7, 10 through 14, 17, and 19 through 23 are readable upon the species of Group A. The species of Groups A through C inventions are classified in essentially the same class and subclass. Further, the species of the Group A through C inventions are related and could all be searched in one search. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement is improper and should be withdrawn.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group A, FIGS. 1 through 4, claims 1, 3 through 5, 7, 10 through 14, 17, and 19 through 23.

Based on the above, it is submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance, which allowance is solicited.

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